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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF TAC GROUP TO ABU DHABI

REF: (A) ABU DHABI 1474; (B) STATE 213634

1. WE TELEPHONED MORTON OCTOBER 31 AND CAUGHT HIM TWO HOURS BEFORE LEAVING FOR AIRPORT. RELAYED ALL INFO REFTEL (A) FOR WHICH HE VERY APPRECIATIVE--ESPECIALLY HOWELL OFFER TO MEET TAC GROUP UPON ARRIVAL AT ABU DHABI AIRPORT.

2. RE PARA 5 (B) REFTEL (A): FROM OUR CONVERSATION WITH MORTON, WE SUSPECT TAC REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT MADE AFTER RPT AFTER LENGTHY TELEX CONVERSATION BETWEEN TAC HOME OFFICE AND RUBAYA ON OCTOBER 30.

3. RE PARA 5 (C) REFTEL (A): TELEPHONE CALL TO ABD AL-MAJID WAS MADE AND, ACCORDING TO MORTON, HAD MOLLIFYING EFFECT ON HIM. ABD AL-MAJID APPRECIATIVE OF TAC'S EFFORTS GET HIS SON INTO MIT. TOLD MORTON HE (ABD AL-MAJID) WOULD BE IN LONDON WHEN MEMBERS OF GROUP ARRIVED, BUT WAS RETURNING ON NOVEMBER 5, WHEN HE

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EXPECTED TO SEE THEM IN ABU DHABI

4. TAC BOARD HAS DECIDED THAT ALTHOUGH THEY FULLY
PREPARED LIVE UP TO ALL CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS PREVIOUSLY
AGREED TO, THEY WILL WALK AWAY FROM THIS BUSINESS RATHER
THAN MAKE FURTHER "SPECIAL CONCESSIONS."

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